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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**JUAN F. MEDRANO, ERIC BRADFORD,
and SIMON HORVAT**

Application No.: **08/771,208**

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For: **CLONING OF A HIGH-GROWTH
GENE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO
ACCOMPANY RESPONSE TO
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING
PARTS.**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is provided to accompany the Notice to file Missing Parts mailed on April 19, 2001. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for **four** months;
- 2) A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
- 3) A paper copy of a sequence listing with a electronic version in computer readable format (CRF).

Please amend the specification follows

Please amend the specification and claims as follows:

In the Specification.

Please delete the existing sequence listing and substitute the accompanying sequence listing (pages 1-413).